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RE: Sacred Lands File Search and Native American Contacts list for the "Mojave Valley Backwater Conservation Area Project (Data Collection via 19 backoe pits to Collect Groundwater & Soil Samples);" located near the Topock Gorge above the City of Needles on the California side of the Colorado River County, California

Dear Mr. Slaughter:

The Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) has reviewed the above referenced project. The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA 42 U.S.C 4321-43351) and Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (16 U.S.C 470 et seq.), 33 CFR Part 330 and 36 CFR Part 800.14(b) require consultation with culturally affiliated Native American tribes to determine if the proposed project may have an adverse impact on cultural resources. To adequately comply with this provision and mitigate project-related impacts on archaeological resources, the Commission notes the following:

Contact has been made to the Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) for:

- A list of appropriate and culturally affiliated Native American Contacts for consideration as
 'consulting parties regarding the project site, pursuant to 36 CFR, Part 800.w(c)(2), has been
 provided and is attached to this letter.
- A Sacred Lands File search failed to identify Native American traditional cultural places or properties in the USGS coordinates provided (e.g. 'area of potential effect' or APE.). Note that lack of additional surface evidence of archeological resources does not preclude their subsurface existence once ground-breaking activity begins. If that occurs, the NAHC suggests that inadvertent discoveries of human remains comply with California Health & Safety Code 7050.5 and Public Resources Code Section 5097.98 and coordinate with the NAHC. Federal NAGPRA may apply if on federal land. This project site is considered culturally sensitive by local tribes.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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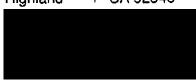
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This list is only applicable for contacting locative Americans with regard to cultural resources for the proposed Mojave Valley Backwater Conservation Area Data Collection (of Groundwater and Soli Samples) Project; located near the Tock Gorge near the Fort Mojave Indian Reservation on the California side of the Colorado River; San Bernardino County, California .

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